

# THE URBAN POOR: MOBILITIES AND MOBILIZATIONS

*International Symposium in Honor of Professor Peter J.M. Nas*

23-25 September 2009

Leiden University, The Netherlands

## Preliminary Conference Programme

### CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

**Wednesday 23 September**

Parterrezaal, Faculty of Social Sciences

9:30 Welcome and opening

10:00-12:00 **Session 1: Im/mobilities and geographies of exclusion**

Chair: Freek Colombijn; Discussant: Leeke Reinders

Emma Jackson (Goldsmiths, UK)

*'I Feel like a Hitchhiker': Ambivalent mobility in the lives of young homeless people*

Rivke Jaffe (Leiden University, the Netherlands)

*'Talkin' 'bout the Ghetto': Popular Culture and Urban Imaginaries of Immobility*

Clinton Nichols (The Field Museum, USA)

*Movin' on up?: Contradictory Movements at a Mixed-Income Housing Development in Chicago*

12.00-13.00 Lunch, common room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Faculty of Social Sciences

13.00-15.00 **Session 2: Land and social mobility**

Chair: Italo Pardo; Discussant: Övgü Pelen

Inge Wagemakers (University of Antwerp, Belgium)

*City growth, local governance and the lack of urban planning: A case study of the struggle for land in the agricultural zone of an outskirt municipality of Kinshasa*

Jean Louis van Gelder (NSCR, the Netherlands)

*Occupation of land and il/legality in Buenos Aires*

Annemarie Samuels (Leiden University, the Netherlands)

*Moving to Great Love: Gender and mobility in a post-tsunami relocation neighbourhood*

15.15-15.30 Tea break

15.30-17.30      **Session 3: Globalization, mobilities and mobilizations**  
Chair: Giuliana Prato; Discussant: Christien Klaufus

Eveline Dürr (LMU München, Germany)  
*Urban Poverty as Event and Commodity: Slum Tourism as a Catalyst for Social Mobilisation and Representation*

Danila Mayer (University of Vienna, Austria)  
*"We're Doing It in the Park": Young urban poor in a global world*

Griet Steel (University of Antwerp, Belgium)  
*Local encounters with globetrotters: Tourism and translocal development among street vendors in the city of Cusco*

18.30              Conference dinner  
Location: tba

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**Thursday 24 September**  
Parterrezaal, Faculty of Social Sciences

9:30-11:30      **Session 4 Mobilizing urban space I**  
Chair: Leeke Reinders; Discussant: Emma Jackson

Christien Klaufus (CEDLA, the Netherlands)  
*Performing dignity: manifestations of poverty and progress in Latin American domestic space*

Ton Salman (VU University Amsterdam, the Netherlands)  
*Communities, Culture and Collective Action The case of El Alto, Bolivia, 2003-2005*

Soheila Shahshahani (Shahid Beshti University, Iran)  
*Strategic visibility: Afghan immigrants in Iran*

11:30-12.30     **Visual presentations**

Inge Melchior (VU University Amsterdam, the Netherlands)  
Joan van Wijk (VU University Amsterdam, the Netherlands)  
Michelle Schut (Leiden University, the Netherlands)

12.30-13.30     Lunch, common room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Faculty of Social Sciences

13.30-15.00     **Session 5 Mobilizing urban space II**  
Chair: Eveline Dürr; Discussant: Anouk de Koning

Leeke Reinders (Delft University of Technology, the Netherlands)  
*Roots and routes of Turkish migrant women in a Dutch poverty neighborhood*

Ratna Saptari (Leiden University, the Netherlands)  
*Demarcating Space, Transcending Boundaries: Contesting Urban Space in Urban Java*

- 15.00-15.30    Tea break
- 15.30-17.30    **Session 6 Spatial strategies of control and subversion**  
 Chair: Danila Mayer; Discussant: Soheila Shahshahani
- Freek Colombijn (VU University Amsterdam, the Netherlands)  
*Collecting waste in poor neighborhoods and social control in Indonesia*  
 Ben Arps (Leiden University, the Netherlands)  
*The mobility of speakers in an Indonesian town*  
 Hans Versnel  
*The Governor and the urban poor*
- 18.30            Conference dinner  
 Location: home of Freek Colombijn, Truus Smulderslaan 5, Leiden

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**Friday 25 September**  
 Parterrezaal, Faculty of Social Sciences

- 9:30-11:00    **Session 7 Urbanization, mobilities and mobilizations**  
 Chair: Rivke Jaffe Discussant: Eveline Dürr
- Giuliana Prato (Kent University, UK)  
*Rural-urban migrations and new aspects of urban poverty in post-Socialist Albania*  
 Gerard Persoon (Leiden University, the Netherlands) and Myrna  
 Eindhoven  
*Indigenous peoples and the city*
- 11:00-13.00    **Session 8 Social Mobility and Citizenship**  
 Chair: Soheila Shahshahani; Discussant: Clinton Nichols
- Anouk de Koning (KITLV, the Netherlands)  
*Images of the urban and inequality in mid-20th century Suriname*  
 Övgü Pelen (Middle East Technical University, Turkey)  
*Urban transformation projects: improvement or just displacement for the urban poor?*  
 Marianne Maeckelbergh (Leiden University, the Netherlands)  
*Collective Distrust: Uncertain Citizenship in times of Economic Crisis*
- 13.00            **Closing words**
- 16.00            Emerital lecture, Peter Nas, in Dutch  
 Location: Academiegebouw, Rapenburg 71